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A gay trio of cavaliers are Henry Cat, Fido Dog, and Milton Mouse. "One for all, all for one", is their motto. With swords in hand, they parade down the road in search of adventure. They observe a delicatessen shop and their mouths water for some good food. Henry agrees to steal some sausage links which are hanging on a hook outside. A woman, who is standing at her fruit stand nearby, observes Henry's attempts to purloin the sausage and promptly kicks him away. Upon Henry's failure to get the links, Milton Mouse volunteers to get them. Grasping his sword, he advances cautiously and sticks the woman in the ankle. The mouse's tricks so peeve the woman that she picks up a stick and fences with Milton. The mouse adroitly leads the woman away from the shop and after a little tilt, he evades her. Meanwhile, Henry and Fido are taking advantage of the woman's absence and steal the sausage links. They scamper along the streets sending traffic pell-mell. The thieves come upon a traffic cop arguing with a motorist and the chain of sausages pulls the cop, car, and all down the street. After a few blocks the links break in half and Henry and Fido make for home. Farmer Al. Falfa, their owner, finishes milking Bossy Cow and is watering the milk when the Dog and Cat arrive. Bossy notices Al's stunt and paints "Liar" under the "Pure Milk" sign, to call attention to his lack of honesty. Finding the Dog, Cat, and the Mouse who has rejoined them, eating from a big platter of sausage, is too much for Al. He sneaks up and steals the links. "Honesty is the best policy", he exclaims, as he goes in to the house to enjoy them. In the midst of his repast, a bear comes in and every time Al forks a sausage, the beast grabs the meat. Drawing a revolver, the bear makes Al surrender the links while Henry and Milton peek in at the door. Then, the bear runs out and grabs his gun and Al runs in pursuit. After a chase, Al catches up with the bear and a hand-to-hand struggle ensues. Suddenly, a tall officer of the law approaches and fines Al \$25 for hunting out of season. After receiving the money, the officer throws off the disguise. Al sees that he has been fooled, by Henry Cat and Milton Mouse, who taunt him with, "Honesty is the best policy", and then scamper over the hill. The "bear" throws off his "skin" and Fido Dog appears and teasing the astonished farmer, joins his companions in the distance. The thieves succeed in catching the thief who stole their loot.

Moral: "It takes a thief to know a thief."

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